

year. Her work helps the Leaven to further its mission of supporting communities and inspiring neighborhoods to take on their challenges together. Ms. Tucker dedicates her time, talent, and expertise to an organization working to provide children with early education intervention and make a positive impact on their family and community for years to come. Outside of her work, she donates her time to such organizations as the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, the Soroptimists of Central Solano, the Napa/Solano Girl Scouts, and the Solano County Library Foundation. She is continuously generous with her time in service to her community and the positive difference she has made cannot be overstated.

HONORING MAYOR GEORGE
PRADEL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late A. George Pradel, who dedicated his life to the betterment of his hometown, Naperville, Illinois, most notably as mayor for two decades.

A lifelong Napervillean, Mr. Pradel began his life in public service by joining the military where he completed a three-year tour with the United States Marine Corps. After his time in the Marine Corps, he went on to serve as a police officer in his hometown. As an officer in Naperville he took it upon himself to educate students about the role of police in the community. He took a unique approach in doing so by helping develop "Safety Town," a miniature town on Aurora Ave. that teaches children about self-awareness, and staying safe in the community. His cheerful demeanor and eagerness to work with kids earned him the nickname "Officer Friendly."

As Officer Friendly continued to grow as an icon in Naperville, the community turned to him once again when it needed a leader, and in 1995 George Pradel was elected Mayor. As Mayor of Naperville, Mr. Pradel continued along the path that led him to office. He spoke at schools and events, he cut ribbons, and he was seen throughout the community, always with a smile.

Under Mayor Pradel's leadership Naperville transformed from a growing suburban town to an award-winning city. He helped Naperville attract businesses from around the world, he encouraged the continued excellence in Naperville schools, and he always supported local law enforcement efforts to keep his hometown safe.

Mr. Speaker, Naperville lost a great American in Mayor Pradel. I offer my greatest condolences to the Pradel family, and thank A. George Pradel for his lifetime of dedication to the city of Naperville and to our country.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL GROVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WINDSOR, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ in Windsor, Virginia.

In 1868, founding members of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ left Antioch, the Baptist church of their former slave owners where they had been forced to worship in the balcony. Led by their "Spiritual Leader," Isom Lawrence, the congregation began meeting under a bush arbor once a month for service. The origins of the church starting under a bush arbor is significant. For centuries, African slaves traditionally gathered in these sites for religious services. Worshippers of Chapel Grove traveled from near and far, and the journey was often a full day affair.

In 1899, Reverend Jetson Copeland and the congregation purchased property alongside present day Blackwater Road. After 17 years of construction, the church finally opened its doors in 1916. Even after several series of remodeling and expansion, the original sanctuary remains part of the church's foundation and reminds us of years of fellowship and service.

Originally called Chapel Grove Christian Church, this historic church has been renamed several times through the years. After merging with the Congregational Church, it was named Chapel Grove Congregational Christian Church. In 1957, after merging with the United Church of Christ, it procured its current name of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ. Today, the church is part of the Eastern Virginia District of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. This association represents 35 local black churches and 45 local white churches and continues to teach the word of God around the nation.

While Chapel Grove is primarily a place of worship, the church provides civic, health, cultural and educational programs that benefit the community. A few programs that I would like to highlight are "Ident-a-Kid", Celebrate Recovery and Career Day.

Additionally, Chapel Grove has sponsored college scholarships, a community daycare service called "Happy Hearts" and a weekend backpack stuffing program for students at Georgie D. Tyler Middle School. These programs are made possible by collaborating with local governments, including Isle of Wight Sheriff's Department.

Clearly, Chapel Grove United Church of Christ's congregation takes the call to community engagement seriously and that engagement is evident in their role in community sponsored events. Parishioners were influential in the Town of Windsor's Centennial Celebration and helped establish the Schoolhouse Museum in Smithfield, Virginia. Moreover, members of Chapel Grove participate in "Souper Saturday," an annual community soup lunch charged with raising money to provide financial assistance for wintertime heating.

Mr. Speaker, as Chapel Grove United Church of Christ celebrates this historic mile-

stone, its congregation can take pride in an inspiring 150 years of fellowship, worship and service. I would like to congratulate Reverend H. Carlyle Church, Jr. and all the members of the church's congregation on this joyous occasion, and I wish them many more years full of growth and prosperity.

HONORING JOEY ROCHELEAU

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joey Rocheleau. Joey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 763, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joey has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joey built a patio for retired pastors in Blue Springs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION FOR THE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate ten years of Wild and Scenic designation for eastern Connecticut's Eightmile River Watershed.

The Eightmile River Watershed is situated among the towns of Lyme, Salem, and East Haddam, Connecticut. Despite its name, the watershed is comprised of over 150 miles of pristine rivers and streams and 62 square miles of relatively undeveloped rural land. It boasts unfragmented habitats, rare and diverse wildlife, scenic vistas, high water quality, unimpeded stream flow, and significant cultural features. Most notably, the overall Eightmile River Watershed ecosystem is healthy and intact throughout virtually all of its range.

In 2008, under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, the Eightmile River Watershed became an official part of the nation's Wild and Scenic River System. This designation established a non-regulatory management plan to be implemented jointly by the National Park Service and the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee. It ensures the watershed is funded and protected well into the future. This achievement and its ten-year milestone is especially important to me, as H.R. 986, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River